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HOUSE BILL 2113
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, relative to public school curricula.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 49-6-1014. The general assembly finds that students who are affected by violent behavior often become disruptive in school and do not conform to standards and expectations set out by school policies. The course of instruction in all public schools shall include courses and content relative to violence affecting children. Such courses of instruction shall be appropriate to the grade level and maturity of the students. Such courses of instruction shall include conflict resolution, bullying, date rape, gang behavior, violence in entertainment media, physical and sexual abuse, and other matters germane to youth. Courses of instruction shall include methods to reduce violence, to report violent incidents, and means to ameliorate the impact of violence upon its victims. The state board of education shall include issues pertaining to violence when developing frameworks and curricula to be taught at appropriate grade levels kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.